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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached excluding U.S. patents and publications.

With regards to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, the applicant's foreign attorney mentions the following differences, specifically the client's invention has:

- a bottom sill that is parallel to the opening. This has the benefit of offering a planar sealing surface against which the panels can seal when closed.

- an ability of the folding panels during folding and unfolding to run with no guiding connection with the bottom sill guide.
- an alternative that has the ability to provide an articulated runner arm from a guide on the bottom sill to hold for example the leading edge of the second panel to restrain the bottom ends of the panels from swinging freely.
- the bottom sill guide (when needed) located in an undercut track on the sill so as to prevent dirt build up in the track.
- a locking pin on the bottom sill to capture and retain one or more of the panels when the panels are closed.
- top track adjustability in the horizontal and vertical directions to accommodate installation inaccuracies and to take up any sag once panels are loaded, and allow for wear and movement during the life of the product.
- the ability to be fully assembled off site and installed into a pre-preparing opening.
- multiple top skew tracks that can be used to allow multiple (i.e. more than two) pairs of folding panels to be folded and unfolded.
- the top skew track at a shallow or sharp angle to the plane of the opening and does not need to terminate at the fully unfolded or extended point of the second panel.

- the presence of rubbing strips to protect the leading edge of the second panel and bottom sill close to full extension as it nears the bottom sill.
- magnetic interconnection of the panels when they are open to stop them blowing freely in the wind.
- an ability to come in the form of a door or window.

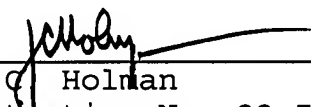
In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AE						
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AI	<u>Henderson Sliding Door Gear, Catalogue 55, 12 pages, 1923,</u> <u>United Kingdom, PC Henderson Limited</u>
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